

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for executing a multi-clipboard, the apparatus comprising:

a basic clipboard and a multi-clipboard in which data is stored by implementing a copy or cut operation;

a timer which counts an amount of time after a paste menu is activated;

a basic clipboard executing unit which pastes the data stored in the basic clipboard if the paste menu is selected before the amount of time counted by the timer is not greater than a predetermined amount of time; and

a multi-clipboard executing unit which displays the data stored in the multi-clipboard if the paste menu is selected after the amount of time counted by the timer is greater than the predetermined amount of time.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein, if a user input indicating a user's selection of one item of the displayed data is received, the multi-clipboard executing unit pastes the selected item of the displayed data.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the multi-clipboard executing unit displays the data stored in the multi-clipboard in an order in which the data is stored.

4. The apparatus claim 1, wherein the latest copied or cut data is stored in the basic clipboard.

5. A method of executing a multi-clipboard, the method comprising:

(a) determining whether a predetermined amount of time has passed after a paste menu is activated;

(b) pasting data stored in a basic clipboard if a signal indicating a user's selection to the paste menu is received before the predetermined amount of time has passed; and

(c) displaying data stored in a multi-clipboard if the predetermined amount of time has passed.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the method further comprises (d) if a user input indicating a user's selection of one item of the displayed data is received, pasting the selected item of the displayed data.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the latest copied or cut data is stored in the basic clipboard.

8. The method of claim 5, wherein step (c) further comprises arranging the data stored in the multi-clipboard in the same order that each item of the data is stored.

9. The method of claim 5, wherein the method further comprises (e) pasting the data stored in the basic clipboard by using paste softkeys.